

ABSALOM W. GALLESPIE

Absalom W. Galliespie was born in Tennessee about 1804. He came to Alabama where he married Sarah Mott on March 1, 1829, in Marengo County. Sarah, born about 1811, was the second child of Capt. Lovelace Mott and his wife, Nancy. (Capt. Mott fought in the 1813 Creek Indian Wars in Alabama before moving the Mott family to Lauderdale Co., Miss.)

Absalom and Sarah moved to the wilderness in Lauderdale County, Mississippi about 1835, soon after the new county was formed. [Lauderdale Co. was formed in 1833 from the 1830 Mississippi Choctaw Land purchase.] The Galliespies did well in Mississippi; the 1858 Lauderdale Co. tax roll shows them owning 600 adjoining acres of land as follows; Sec. 13, Township 7, Range 15E (120 Ac), S-18, T-7, R-16E (360 Ac), and S-19, T-7, R-16E (120 Ac). (This land is near the city limit north of today's Meridian.) They owned one slave when they came, but in later years they owned five.

It is interesting to note that Capt. Lovelace Mott, Sarah Galliespie's father, owned 120 acres of land adjacent to, and west of, Galliespie according to the 1841 tax roll. The Mott land was in Sec. 12 and 13 of T-7, R-15E. Capt. Mott died in 1846 and his estate was probated in Lauderdale Co.

The first three of Absalom and Sarah's children were born in Alabama but they had six more born in Lauderdale County. Sarah died around 1858 in Lauderdale County.

After Sarah's death, Absalom married Frances E. Harper, although the location of this second marriage has not been determined. His second marriage produced one child, Susan A., born in 1860.

In August 1865, Absalom and Frances Gillespie were received by experience in Fellowship Baptist Church, located north of Pine Springs community near Rushing Store. The following March, Bro. Oliver Brown reported he had seen Bro. Gillespie under the influence of liquor - this was backed up by a statement from Bro. Knox. After some explanation, Bro. Gillespie was forgiven by the church.

During reconstruction after the Civil War, Absalom apparently turned more to alcohol; in December 1867, it was reported that Bro. Galliespie was in the habit of drinking to excess. A committee was assigned to meet with Bro. Gillespie and to report back to the church. After some explanation in March (1868), Bro. A.W. Gillespie gave a satisfactory report to the church. However, came July, he was again charged with drinking to excess and profane swearing but, again, was forgiven.

During the times of hardship and actual hunger following the war, the Galliespies left for Texas. Perhaps they thought that there, where battles had not been fought, they could start over. In November, 1868, Absalom and Frances requested and received letters of dismission from

Fellowship Church.

On December 6, 1868, Absalom sold John McDonald (son of James B. McDonald) 80 acres in S-7,T-7,R-16, for \$300.

On the same date, he sold 600 acres, the balance of his plantation, to R.N. ~~and Louisiana~~ Gunn. They left ~~for Texas~~ about this time *FOR VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA.*

Children of Absolom W. Gallespie

Children from first marriage to Susan Mott:

1. SUSANAH GALLESPIE

Born: 1830, Alabama (Marengo Co.?)

Died: 1872, Lauderdale Co., bur. Fellowship Bapt. Ch.

Married: (1) John Perry, Jr., son of John and Mary Freeman Perry, in 1849. (2) Samuel T. Hatcher, second child of Samuel C. and Sarah (Head) Hatcher's four children, in 1859.

Susanah, sometimes called Susan, was a native of Alabama. When she was about five, her family moved to Lauderdale County, Mississippi where Susanah grew up. When she was about 16 (in 1846?) she married John Perry, son of the late John Perry and Mary Freeman Perry. (Mary Freeman Perry's sister was married to George Gallespie, a relative of Susanah's.)

John and Susanah Perry bought (leased?) 120 acres of land in the northeast quarter of Sec-16, T-7, R-16E, in what was later to be called the Pine Springs community (northeast of today's Meridian) from William and Martha Brown Hamrick. They, and their infant daughter, Sarah Marie, moved to this land in December 1847. It was excellent cotton land. Rogers Creek ran the half mile length of the place on the east side. John was industrious and made the rich creek bottom produce.

The Perry's had three more children born in 'Pine Springs' before he died, a young father. Apparently John knew his death was imminent and wrote a will on his death-bed on April 11, 1853. The three witnesses to his will were Susanah's uncle, Absolom Mott, E.J.Chatham, and neighbor James B. McDonald. He died a week later on April 11. His estate was probated in Lauderdale County Probate Court.

Jan 2, 1992

Dear Mrs. White,

In sending some papers from A.W. Gillespie's Succession Record that I recently obtained. A.W. died in Cameron Parish La on Nov. 7, 1883. He left an estate of about \$16,000.

From these records Susan or Sussana was a daughter of A.W. Gillespie & Susan's mother. And since John Perry & Levi or Lee Perry married Sisters they may have been brothers. Susan's father appears to have had 3 children (Levi?) died young Susan & Sam Hatcher fond

are six in no. with two boys young. The Jennie wife of H.S. Good must be Virginia (F.). Could the Calum Hatcher been Calum Perry? Bill waiting to hear when & where I can purchase your book.

Sorry this information couldn't have been available some. ago:

Yours.
Bill Hurd

P.S. The Succession Record has a 109 pages the ones in Sandi are the family sheets.

19 Jul 1991

Page 1 of 2

HUSBAND Absolom W. GILLESPIE-280

BORN: Abt 1804 PLACE: ,TN
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 1 Mar 1829 PLACE: ,Marengo,AL has other marriages
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Sarah MOTT-281 (1)

BORN: Abt 1811 PLACE: ,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1858 PLACE: ,Lauderdale,MS
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Lovelace MOTT-290 PARENTS' MRIN: 37
MOTHER: Nancy-291

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Susanah GILLESPIE-282

BORN: 1830 PLACE: ,AL
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE: Lauderdale Co.
BUR.: PLACE: Fellowship Bapt. Church
SPOUSE: (1) John Perry, JR. (2) Samuel T. Hatcher
MARR: PLACE:

Children:

1. SUSAN MARIE
2. JOHN CALVIN
3. RUTHA JANE 1853
4. ...

2. NAME: Rebecca Anne GILLESPIE-271

BORN: 28 Nov 1832 PLACE: ,Lauderdale,MS 1832/88
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 5 Nov 1920 PLACE: ,Wayne,MS
BUR.: LEVI PLACE: Big Rock Cem, Wayne,MS
SPOUSE: Lee PERRY-270
MARR: Abt 1849 PLACE: Lauderdale Co., Miss

Children:

1. NANCY JANE 1850
2. SARAH V. 1855
3. JAMES 1859
4. RUTHA 1861
5. MAHALA LEE 1864
6. MATTIE - 1868
7. WILLIAM LEVI 1870
8. MARY
9. REBECCA

MRIN: 35

3. NAME: Thomas L. GILLESPIE-283

BORN: 1834 PLACE: ,AL
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Martha M.-1642
MARR: PLACE:

Children (1860 census):

- WILLIAM A. 3: (1856) MS.
- MARTHA A. 1 (1859) MS

MRIN: 544

4. NAME: William F. GILLESPIE-284

BORN: 1836 PLACE: ,MS
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

William D. Wood
6710 Pharaoh Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Phone: (512) 991-8810

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-36

19 Jul 1991

Page 2 of 2

=====

HUSBAND Absalom W. GILLESPIE-280

Yr of Birth 1804

WIFE Sarah MOTT-281

Yr of Birth 1811

=====

CHILDREN (continued)

=====

5. NAME: Sara Elizabeth GILLESPIE-285

---- BORN: 1839 PLACE: ,,MS

F CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MARR: PLACE:

6. NAME: Martha M. GILLESPIE-286

---- BORN: 1841 PLACE:

F CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MARR: PLACE:

7. NAME: Mary GILLESPIE-287

---- BORN: 1843 PLACE:

F CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MARR: PLACE:

8. NAME: Hannah GILLESPIE-288

---- BORN: 1846 PLACE: ,,MS

F CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MARR: PLACE:

9. NAME: Abbigale GILLESPIE-289

---- BORN: 1848 PLACE: ,,MS

F CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MARR: PLACE:

=====

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-138

19 Jul 1991

Page 1

=====

HUSBAND Absalom W. GILLESPIE-280

BORN: Abt 1804 PLACE: ,,TN
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 18 Jan 1859 PLACE: ,Lauderdale,MS
FATHER:
MOTHER:

has other marriages

=====

WIFE Frances E. HARPER-535 (2)

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

=====

CHILDREN

=====

1. NAME: Susan A. GILLESPIE-1645

---- BORN: Abt 1860 PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:

---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:

---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:

---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

=====

William D. Wood
6710 Pharaoh Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Phone: (512) 991-8810

1
The State of Mississippi
County of Leflore

Personally came
before me A. J. Rush Clerk of
the Chancery Court in and for
said County and State J. J.
Hatcher, who being by me first
duly sworn, dep: That he was
legally and lawfully married
to Mrs Susan Perry at that time
a widow and the daughter of
A. H. Gillespie, in the County of
Lauderdale and State of
Mississippi, in 1857

That the said Mrs Susan Perry
at that time was the mother of
three children by John Perry
deceased

That one of these children died
a minor at my house in Lau-
derdale County and State of
Mississippi and that two of
them reached the age of majority
and married. J. C. Perry of this
County of children moved to the

x

State of Louisiana and there
married and died leaving a
family as he understands
and believes now in the State
of Louisiana and Parish of
Cameron.

The other child (Morina) now of
the County of Neshoba and State
of Mississippi married William
Walker and is now living at the
house of her husband William
Walker in Neshoba County and
State of Mississippi.

And he further states that the
said Susan Perry, ne Gillespie,
after her marriage with the said
J. J. Hatcher, had borne to her
six children - viz - William Absalom
Hatcher, Virginia Emma Hatcher, Jefferson
Davis Hatcher, Josiah Augustus
Hatcher, Susan Elizabeth Hatcher
and John Bonnett Hatcher.
And that shortly after the birth
of the last named child the
said Susan the mother
of these children died in the

The State of Mississippi
Hempstead County

Personally came
before me H. T. Rush Clerk
of the County Court in and
for the County of Hempstead and
State of Mississippi J. H. Currie
who being by me first duly
sworn dep: that he is well
acquainted with the Affiant
to the foregoing statements
that he has known him intima-
tely for several years.

That the Affiant is highly respect-
ed by his neighbors and is
considered a man above
suspicion in every respect
that the Affiant is the father
of the Halthers heirs, claiming an
interest in the Estate of A. W.
Gillispie, dec'd. and that
what the Affiant says he believes
to be true. That said Affiant
is a man of honor and strict
veracity

J. H. Currie
Subscribed before me
This 1st day of July 1885. H. T. Rush, Clerk Ck.

Court of Landlord and
State of Mississippi in the
year 1872

That two of these children, by
the second marriage died
minors viz= Jefferson Davis
Hatcher and John Bonnet
Hatcher, and that four of them
are still living and have
reached the age of majority
viz= W. A. Hatcher of Kemper
County, Josiah Hatcher of
Kemper, Ann Elizabeth Adams
nee Hatcher of Kemper County
and Junior Gandy nee Hatcher
of Scott County all of the
State of Mississippi

And the Affiant further says that
these children (two Henry heirs and
four Hatcher heirs) are the only
heirs that the said Susan, the
daughter of A. M. Gillespie, and
widow of John Henry and wife of
J. J. Hatcher, left surviving her
Deed to & Subscribed }
before me this July 5th } J. J. Hatcher
1888. At Test }
Chancellor - C. H. }

The State of Mississippi
County of Lauderdale

Personally appeared
before me W. H. Curtis Clerk
of the County Court in and for the
County of Lauderdale and State
of Mississippi S. M. Bailey a res-
ident Citizen of said County and
State who being by me first
duly sworn says: That he knew
S. J. Hatcher and Mrs Susan Perry
Gillespie before and after
their marriage. That they lived
in a short distance of his home
until the death of Mrs Hatcher
That Mrs Susan Perry had two
children by John Perry deceased
to wit the age of majority and
several by S. J. Hatcher to wit
the age of majority viz: William
Hatcher, Junior Hatcher, Joe
Hatcher and Elizabeth Hatcher
And the Affiant further states
that the mother of these children
was the daughter of Absolom

M. Billups formerly of this County
and afterwards of the State
of Louisiana.

S. M. Bailey

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 2^d day of July 1888

W. H. Curtis

Clerk Channing Creek

The State of Mississippi

Lauderdale County

Personally Came

before me W. H. Curtis Clerk of the Channing
Creek in & for said County and State
J. M. Bayly who being duly sworn
depos: that he is well acquainted with
S. M. Bailey, the Affiant to the above, and
that he is a man of upright truth and
honor and that his testimony in any
cause is above suspicion, and that
what he states of his own knowledge
is the truth, in his opinion

J. M. Bayly

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 2^d day of July 1888

W. H. Curtis

Clerk

daughter of said deceased Absalom W. Gillespie, and issue of her marriage with said Mr. H. Kinard) - the said final account of administration and table of distribution be and the same is hereby approved and homologated, and that said above-named absent heirs be paid by said present administrator, in accordance with said final account of administration and table of distribution, their respective shares as heirs of said succession of Absalom W. Gillespie deceased.

Done, read and signed, in open court, at Leesburg, Levee Parish, Louisiana, July 20, A.D. 1888.

Stephen Meade, the
Judge 14th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

Filed July 20. 1888

A. E. Lee

Clerk

Succession
of 7th
A. W. Gillespie

14 Judicial Dist
Court of La
Crawford Parish

To the Honorable
the Judge of the aforesaid
Court

The Petition of William
- Jennie (wife of Gray) Joseph
and Elizabeth Hatcher and
J. L. Perry and Maria, ^{Perry} (wife of
William Walker) with respect

That the file here-
with ^{and make part hereof} evidence of the fact that
they are the representatives and
only representatives of Susan
Gillespie - who was a daughter
of A. W. Gillespie - and one of
the heirs in the foregoing
Succession

Wherefore they pray
after due proceeding had that
they be recognized as the repre-
sentatives of Susan Gillespie
heirs in aforesaid Succession

By
Filed July 19th 1888 J. L. Gibbs Atty
J. E. Lee.

Clark

No. 63. Succession of ^{St. H.} Gillespie, deceased.
14th Judicial District Court. State of Louisiana. Parish
of Cameron. July Term. A.D. 1888.

Final account of administration, and tableau
of Distribution.

By reason of the law and the evidence in
the above numbered and entitled succession, in
the administration of the petition of Frances E. Gillespie,
late administratrix of said succession, for the
approval and homologation of her final account
of administration of said succession, and tableau
of distribution of the net assets thereof to herself
as surviving widow of said deceased Absalom H.
Gillespie, in community, and to the heirs of
said succession, filed in said Court December
21, 1887, being in favor of Joseph P. Jones, the
present administrator of said succession (the said
administratrix having died since the said filing
of her said petition and final account and tableau,
and the said present administrator having been
subsequently appointed and qualified as adminis-
trator of said succession, and of the succe-
sion of said deceased Frances E. Gillespie)-
and against the following named absent-
heirs of said succession; and by further
reason of the written consent and request of
said following named absent heirs of said
succession for the approval and homologation of
said final account and tableau, and accept-
ance of service of said petition, account and
tableau, and waiver of citation, and of all
legal delays and formalities, filed

account of said commission being
duly proven in open Court; on motion
Geo. H. Wells, Esq., attorney for said present-
administrator, in open Court, it is ordered,
adjudged and decreed, that as to said
following, would absent heirs of said
predecessors, to wit: Hannah P. Mc Donald,
born Gillespie, daughter of said deceased Ab-
salom H. Gillespie, and wife of Andrew J.
Mc Donald; Martha M. Mc Donald, born
Gillespie, daughter of said deceased Absalom
H. Gillespie, and wife of Eli Mc Donald; William
J. Vance, Edmund F. Vance, and Lizabeth E. Gunn,
born Vance, wife of Lullin B. Gunn - sole
surviving children and heirs of Sarah Elizabeth
Vance, born Gillespie, deceased wife of Ed-
ward Vance, daughter of said deceased Ab-
salom H. Gillespie; Sarah Maria Walker,
born Perry, one of the ^{six} children and heirs of
Susan or Susanna Perry, deceased wife of
John Perry deceased, and daughter of said
deceased Absalom H. Gillespie - (the said de-
ceased Susan or Susanna having left two
children by her first marriage with said John
Perry, and four children by her second mar-
riage with Sam. Walker); and J. H. Kinard,
James B. Kinard, Sarah R. Kinard, Mary Ann
Kinard, Martha E. Kinard, and S. J. Boston
Kinard, all minors, whose father and guardian
is M. H. Kinard - (the said six minors being
the only children and heirs of their deceased
other Abigail H. Kinard, born Gillespie,